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17 September 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: ACTING CHIEF, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Jury Duty

1. Yesterday I received a summons to appear in U. S. District Court to serve as a juror on [REDACTED]. I have discussed this matter with the General Counsel's office (DDP) today, and am informed that such jury duty will probably last a month or more, and that if a request is submitted by the DDP's office to the General Counsel for postponement of such jury duty there is a good chance that this can be arranged.

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2. My reason for requesting such postponement is that it is urgent that I be in continuous contact for the next few weeks with [REDACTED] on Project [REDACTED]. I expect to have his report in my hands by the middle of next week, and we will then require further consultation with him before we can determine how we should proceed on this project. He has told me on the telephone that he is anxious to complete his work with us within the next few weeks and help us arrange the next step in the project because he has a commitment to go to the Middle West the early part or middle of October. As you know, I was responsible for having brought him into this project, and since he and I have a close personal relationship, I believe that he would not be inclined to help us as much if he had to deal with someone he scarcely knows.

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3. Therefore, I request that you forward this memorandum through channels to the General Counsel with the recommendation that I be excused from jury duty at this time.

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